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SUMMARY DESCRIPTION STATEMENT

The Phillipena J. Strasser House at 326 Laramie Street in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas (Figure 1) occupies a double-width lot that is five blocks north of the downtown Manhattan commercial district along Poyntz Avenue, and east of a dense residential neighborhood characterized by one- to two-story late nineteenth and early to mid-twentieth century houses (Figure 2). The Phillipena J. Strasser House is a two-story gable-front-and-wing house constructed of load-bearing limestone. Originally constructed as a two-story gable-front house for Phillipena J. Strasser in 1874, subsequent owner, Hyram Keyes, added a two-story intersecting wing to the east side of the house around 1885.

The Phillipena J. Strasser House is an excellent example of the Gable-Front-and-Wing Stone House Property Type as identified and documented in the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Late Nineteenth Century Vernacular Stone Houses in Manhattan, Kansas" (the MPDF) and has significant associations with the historical contexts presented in Section E, and the Gable-Front-and-Wing Stone House Property Type discussed in Section F. Characteristic of its building type, the Phillipena J. Strasser House's walls are constructed of locally quarried rough-cut limestone laid in regular courses. Typical of the stone houses erected in the early settlement period of Manhattan, the wall corners on the original 1874 gable-front section of the house feature rough-cut limestone quoins. The window and door openings in the original 1874 gable-front section of the house and the circa 1885 intersecting wing addition have prominent square-cut limestone lintels and sills with fine tool marks. The building possesses a high degree of integrity, retaining its historic two-over-two light wood sash windows, original primary entrance location and framing with full-height sidelights, historic one-half-width porch spanning the intersecting wing addition, and the original interior staircase, newel post, and balusters. The house's original form, construction, design, and materials are intact and they clearly convey the overall sense of past time and place. The Phillipena J. Strasser House was one of a limited number of residences in Ward 2 at the time of its construction. Subsequently, the neighboring lots filled with houses during the late nineteenth and early to mid-twentieth century. During the winter of 2006 and into 2007, the residences immediately adjacent to the north, south, and east of the Phillipena J. Strasser House were demolished to make way for new commercial and residential development. The loss of integrity of setting is offset by the high degree of original features and materials the house retains that date from its period of significance.

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ELABORATION

LOCATION AND SETTING

The Phillipena J. Strasser House is located at 326 Laramie Street on the east edge of Ward 2 in Manhattan, Kansas. The house is the last remaining dwelling on its block and the neighboring blocks immediately north, south, and east, all of which have been cleared to make way for new development. To the west, across North 4th Street, a historic residential neighborhood characterized by one- to two-story late nineteenth to early to mid-twentieth century houses is intact. The neighborhood was platted on the grid of streets laid out in the original platting of Manhattan, Kansas, which outlined and numbered all the lots of Wards 1 through 7. The tree-lined streets have curbs and sidewalks, some sections of which are still paved with brick. Gravel alleys divide each block lengthwise. The Phillipena J. Strasser House is located five blocks north of the downtown commercial district.

The property on which the Phillipena J. Strasser House is located consists of the original town Lots 114 and 115; the house is sited at the west edge of the property, primarily on Lot 115. The lot is approximately 90 feet wide and 150 feet deep. A deteriorated circa 1920 auto garage and shed building that were previously located at the rear of the lot were demolished around 1991.

EXTERIOR

The Phillipena J. Strasser House is a two-story gable-front-and-wing house constructed of rough-cut limestone laid in regular courses. Originally constructed as a two-story gable-front house for Phillipena J. Strasser in 1874, subsequent owner, Hyram Keyes, added a two-story intersecting wing to the east side of the house in circa 1885.

Throughout the house, fenestration defines the bays and each opening is tall and narrow with square-cut lintels and sills featuring fine tool marks. These tool marks form a perimeter band of striated indentions around the face of the stone, within which is a textured surface formed by numerous pointed depressions (Photograph Numbers 9 and 10). The historic two-over-two light wood sashes occupy each of the window openings.

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1874 Gable-Front Main Block

The south (primary) façade of the gable-front main block features three symmetrical bays and has a prominent front gable with a relatively shallow roof pitch (Photograph Number 1). Each of the four wall corners features rough-cut limestone quoins that have a tooled, smooth corner edge and are larger than the rest of the masonry units, visually setting them apart (Photograph Number 8). The primary entrance occupies the first (west end) bay and features a non-historic entrance door set within the original entrance opening, which retains the full-height, six-light wood-framed sidelights (Photograph Number 6). Above the entrance, curved brackets support an early twentieth century gabled hood. A tooled limestone water table spans the south (primary) façade at approximately eighteen inches above grade. The south (front) half of the west (side) elevation is a blank wall due to the placement of the interior staircase at this location; the north (rear) two bays of this elevation are defined by window openings on each story. The north (rear) elevation of the 1874 main block is two bays wide, defined by window openings on each story. An exterior brick stove chimney rises between the two bays and penetrates the gable eaves at the juncture of the roof ridge.

Circa 1885 Intersecting Wing Addition

A recessed, two-story wing addition intersects the 1874 gable-front main block behind the first bay of its east (side) elevation (Photograph Number 2). The narrow wing, which is two bays wide and one room deep, features stone courses that differ subtly from those of the original block. The wing does not feature the rough-cut limestone quoins that accent each of the four wall corners of the 1874 gable-front main block. A circa 1900 one-half-width porch spans the primary (south) façade of the intersecting wing addition (Photograph Number 7). The porch has a hipped roof supported by smooth round Tuscan columns, a circa 1991 wood balustrade, and a wood plank floor. The porch shelters a secondary entrance located in the west bay of the intersecting wing addition. This entrance contains a wood paneled door with a multi-pane half-light. An internal brick chimney is located at the east end of the wing. The east (side) elevation of the intersecting wing addition features one window opening on each story that is offset toward the north (rear) end of the wall to accommodate the chimney flue within. A circa 1991 two-story enclosed porch spans the width of the intersecting wing addition's north (rear) elevation (Photograph Number 3). The wood-frame porch has a shed roof, aluminum siding, and an external wood staircase that provides access to the second story. The circa 1991 porch replaced a deteriorated circa 1935 porch of the same height and footprint. The rear porch is minimally visible from the public right-of-way.

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INTERIOR

The Phillipena J. Strasser House has two floors and a below-grade basement. A wood structure of beams and joists form the interior floors. The interior spatial arrangement and finishes largely reflect the circa 1935 conversion of the single-family house into two separate apartment flats. The original nineteenth century primary staircase is intact, as are the deep window stools, the wood floors, and the plaster ceilings and walls throughout the building.

The spatial arrangement of the first and second floors each include a stair hall at the southwest corner of the main block, a living area in the southeast corner, two small bedrooms at the north end, and a kitchen in the wing addition (Photograph Number 14). Lathe and plaster walls delineate these spaces and have trim that appears to date to the early twentieth century. The stair hall retains the original walnut staircase, which is in good condition and features a turned newel post, wood tread and risers, and turned post balusters (Photograph Numbers 11, 12, and 13). The balustrade and railing extend up to the second floor where they curve sharply to form a hallway balustrade. The wood floors are exposed in the second floor stair hall; however, due to circa 1951 flood damage, carpet covers the historic wood floors throughout the first floor. Throughout the house, the windows feature very deep stools and modest mid-twentieth century trim. In each apartment flat, the passageway leading from the living area into the kitchen is very deep, indicating the juncture of the 1874 main block and the circa 1885 addition of the intersecting wing.

INTEGRITY

The Phillipena J. Strasser House meets the integrity thresholds established in Section F of the MPDF. The historic design of the building remains intact and reflects the distinct attributes of a nineteenth century Gable-Front-and-Wing Stone House Property Type that was built in two stages and is commonly found in Manhattan, Kansas. Alterations to the Phillipena J. Strasser House since its original dates of construction in 1874 and circa 1885 are minimal and do not affect the overall ability of the house to convey its historic feelings and associations. Alterations include the addition of porch elements after the original dates of construction of the 1874 main block and the circa 1885 intersecting wing; this was a common alteration to nineteenth century stone houses in Manhattan and does not compromise the overall integrity of the house. Although not original, the gabled roof above the primary entrance in the 1874 gable-front main block and the one-half-width porch spanning the circa 1885 intersecting wing addition are historic alterations that have gained significance in their own right and are within the integrity

¹ A recent break-in resulted in minor damage to four balusters (Photograph Number 23).

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thresholds established for the architectural property type in the MPDF. The deteriorated condition of the circa 1935 two-story porch that spanned the width of the intersecting wing addition's north (rear) elevation necessitated its replacement in circa 1991 with the existing single-bay addition, which matches the height and footprint of the 1935 porch. Although the rear porch addition is not original, it is located on the north (rear) elevation and its height and depth are both subservient to the main roofline and wall planes; if removed, the architectural integrity of the north (rear) elevation would be intact. Rear additions are identified and documented as common alterations that are allowed under the MPDF. While the house's interior reflects the circa 1935 remodeling and conversion to apartments, the key public feature, the original primary staircase, remains intact. Beyond these alterations, the most important integrity issue affecting the Phillipena J. Strasser House is the loss of its original and historic setting. Despite these changes, the Phillipena J. Strasser House continues to clearly convey its historic feelings and associations with the contexts identified and documented in the MPDF.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Phillipena J. Strasser House, located at 326 Laramie Street in Manhattan, Kansas, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for the area of COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT and under Criterion C for the area of ARCHITECTURE as documented in the Multiple Property Documentation Form "Late Nineteenth Century Vernacular Stone Houses in Manhattan, Kansas" (the MPDF). The building has direct associations with the historic contexts developed as part of the MPDF and meets the MPDF registration requirements. It is a excellent example of the Gable-Front-and-Wing Stone House property type and meets the integrity thresholds established in Section F of the MPDF. The building is locally significant in the area of Community Planning and Development for its associations with the evolution of residential development during the nineteenth century in Manhattan, Kansas. The building is locally significant in the area of Architecture for its clearly conveyed associations with the Gable-Front-and-Wing Stone House property type as identified and defined in the MPDF. In particular, the building is significant for its associations with the development of stone masonry construction in Manhattan, Kansas during the nineteenth century.

ELABORATION

HISTORY OF THE PHILLIPENA J. STRASSER HOUSE

Originally constructed as a two-story gable-front house for Phillipena J. Strasser, a widow, in 1874; a subsequent owner, Hyram Keyes, added a two-story intersecting wing to the east side of the house in circa 1885. The two-story gable-front-and-wing house is located on two lots.

In 1867, Phillipena J. Strasser (circa 1837-1920), a German immigrant, came to Riley County, Kansas from Illinois, where she had lived for about four years.² Prior to 1863, Strasser lived in Missouri, where she married and had her first two children. Her second two children were born in Illinois. Her first husband's name and her immigration date are unknown.

In April 1875, shortly after the completion of the Phillipena J. Strasser House, Phillipena married Isom Tull (circa 1834-1917), a Zeandale (Riley County), Kansas farmer. Tull, an Indiana native, was a widower with seven children. Phillipena and Isom resided at his Zeandale farm where they joined their families and had two additional children. The couple separated at an unknown time during the late

² Manhattan (Kansas) Mercury, 17 August 1935, 1, Riley County Historical Society, Manhattan, Kansas.

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nineteenth century, after which Isom became the proprietor of the Manhattan House and Phillipena moved to Topeka, Kansas, where she resided for the rest of her life.³

In 1876, shortly after Phillipena married Isom, she sold the Phillipena J. Strasser House property to a fellow Zeandale resident, C. Perry McDonald (1833-1908). McDonald was an early "free soil" settler of Riley County, arriving in 1854 from Indiana and staking a claim in Zeandale Township, where he later amassed significant land holdings and served as an early constable. By 1882, McDonald sold the Phillipena J. Strasser House property to Hyram Keyes, a weaver, who also owned the neighboring lot to the west. In circa 1885, Keyes added a two-story intersecting wing to the east side of the house. Keyes, an Ohio native who arrived in Kansas with his wife prior to 1862, resided in the house with his wife and seven children until 1886, when he sold the Phillipena J. Strasser House property and neighboring lot to Jennie R. Marsh.

In 1886, Jennie (Moffit) Marsh (circa 1850-1921), a Pennsylvania native, was the new bride and second wife of Francis E. Marsh, a Manhattan grocer. An Ohio native, Francis arrived in Manhattan in 1871. At the time of their marriage, Francis Marsh was a widower with four children. The Marsh family resided in the Phillipena J. Strasser House until 1913, when Jennie was committed to the Topeka State Hospital, where she remained until her death, and Francis moved to Wabaunsee, Kansas to live with his son Frank E. Marsh.

After the Marsh family sold the Phillipena J. Strasser House, it passed quickly through numerous owners during the 1910s and early 1920s, with no less than five sales transactions from 1913 to 1921. (Figure 3) In 1921, W. E. Cooper owned the property with his wife Margaret until economic hardship led to foreclosure and the Union National Bank took possession of the property in 1931.⁵

In 1936, Dr. Henley H. Haymaker, a professor of plant pathology at Kansas State Agricultural College (KSAC; later Kansas State University [KSU]), purchased the Phillipena J. Strasser House property from the bank and continued to own it for the following forty-four years. Dr. Haymaker joined the faculty of the college in 1917; he was appointed to the board and made secretary of the KSAC Memorial Stadium Corporation in 1943. Haymaker remained a biological sciences faculty member for forty-four years.

³ Manhattan (Kansas) Republic, 29 April 1920, 4, Riley County Historical Society, Manhattan, Kansas.

⁴ Manhattan (Kansas) Mercury, 22 January 1908, 2, Riley County Historical Society, Manhattan, Kansas.

⁵ Patricia J. O'Brien, "The Phillipena Strasser House" TMS January 2007, 3, Sally Schwenk Associates, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.

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Haymaker Hall, a campus dormitory constructed in 1966, was named in recognition of his contributions.⁶ KSU's Division of Biology awards the Haymaker Teaching Excellence Award, the Outstanding Senior Biology Student, and the Haymaker Graduate Student Research Award, funded by the H. Henley Haymaker Endowment in his honor.

Over the years, homebuilders erected houses on the lots near the Phillipena J. Strasser house. By the early 1920s, the lots surrounding the Phillipena J. Strasser House property contained one- and two-story houses, many of which were executed in the early twentieth century American Four Square or Bungaloid plans with Craftsman and Prairie School stylistic influences. Most houses at this time, including the Phillipena J. Strasser House, had an automobile garage at the rear of the lot that was accessed from the alley.

In the early 1930s, a fire occurred in the basement of the Phillipena J. Strasser House; following repairs, the owner converted the house into two apartment flats and it continued to be a rental property for the remainder of the twentieth century. (Figure 4) At the time of the conversion, the owner added a second-story screened porch to the one-story rear porch that was present at that time. An internal stairway within the porch provided access to and from the second-story.

Dr. Haymaker sold the Phillipena J. Strasser House property in 1980 and within the decade, it changed hands two more times. In 1988, Charles R. "Dick" Dickens, a tenant of the downstairs unit since the late 1940s, purchased the Phillipena J. Strasser House property and continued to live in his downstairs unit while he leased out the upstairs unit. While a tenant, Dickens worked as a custodian for the Manhattan School District and raised two boys with his wife Charlotte Smith. (Figure 5) He was a charter member of Eagles Lodge 2468 and was the first commissioner of the Manhattan City League Baseball program for boys, with which he was actively involved for over forty years and for which he is honored with the "C. R. Dickens Memorial Press Box" at Manhattan's Anneberg Park. Upon Dickens' death in 1991, his sons inherited the Phillipena J. Strasser House property.

The Phillipena J. Strasser House property has significant associations with the development patterns of Manhattan. In particular, its dates of construction and location are documentation of the settlement of the

⁶ Ibid., 4.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid., 5.

Dickens retired in 1968.

Manhattan (Kansas) Mercury, 11 April 1991, A2, Riley County Historical Society, Manhattan, Kansas.

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area north of the main commercial area in the early 1870s due to proximity to the Big Blue River to the east and the commercial center to the south. In particular, it shows the residential nature of land use in the area north of downtown at a time when the railroad lines and flooding caused a shift from residential land use to industrial and railroad-associated land uses south of the commercial business district.

The Phillipena J. Strasser House is significant for its associations with the architectural history of Manhattan as an intact example of vernacular stone residential building practices during the era of its construction and of the high level of craftsmanship present in the community during the settlement period as outlined in Section E of the MPDF.

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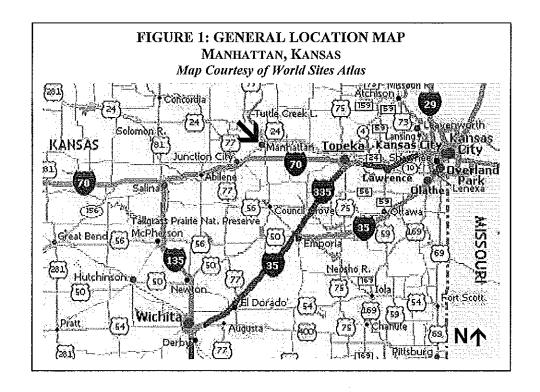
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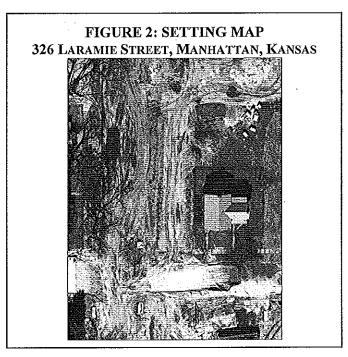
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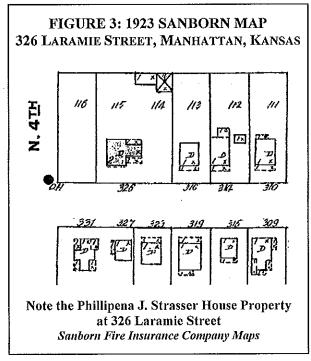


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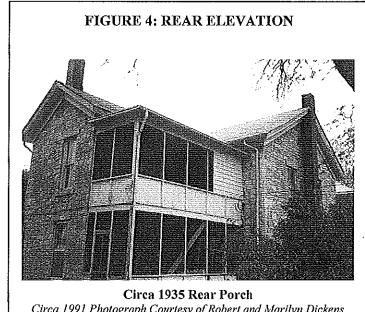




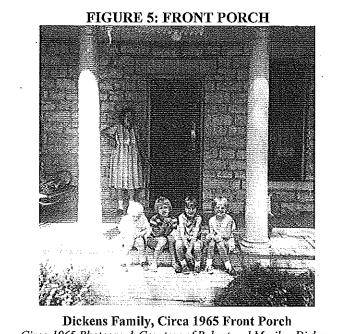
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9.	Typical window lintel	N
10.	Typical tool marks, windowsill	N
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14.	Typical unit kitchen	E
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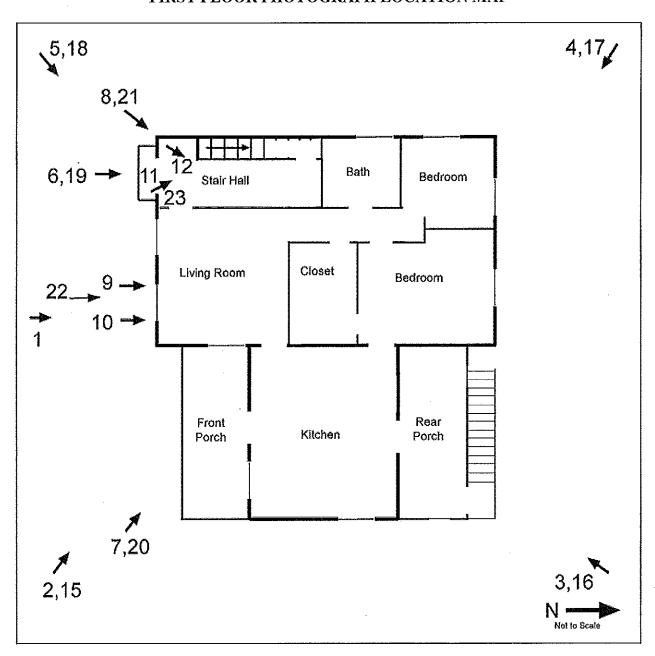
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